If the two *thodus* could be opened and the works executed in full, about 15,000 acres of paddy lands would be vastly benefited and the paddy crops which were being raised once in two years could be had annually. The Member added that the P. W. D. estimate for Rs. 2 lakhs for the work was highly exaggerated and that such a large amount of money would not be required. He, therefore, requested Government to re-consider their order and grant the prayer of the people.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer has been asked to prepare a revised estimate for the Chalakal canal. The cost of cutting the Kuttipuzha canal would be prohibitive and disproportionate to the benefit to be derived.

88. Improvement of the means of communication in the Minachil taluk.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Minachil taluk) urged that the following works be immediately attended to :—

(1) Construction of a bridge in the Lalam-Ponkunnam road across the Minachil river.

(2) Completion of the Lalam-Ramapuram road which had been partially cut by the people.

(3) Conversion, into a cartable road, of the village road from Mankompu-Plasanapallikkal to Lalam-Thodupuzha road *viz.* Piravithanam, which had been cut by the people.

(4) Government should maintain the following roads :—

(*a*) The road partially cut from Ettumanur-Lalam road to Ettumanur-Kuthattukulam road *via* Elakkad.

(*b*) Vazhamattom-Bharananganom road.

(*c*) The road from Lalam-Thodupuzha road to Ramapuram *via*, Ezhacheri.

(5) Metalling of the Lalam-Thodupuzha road.

In conclusion, the Member prayed that the works already sanctioned be ordered to be pushed through.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

89. Construction of a pucca building for holding the local Munsiff's Court in the compound in which the Taluk Cutcherry is located.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Minachil taluk) submitted that the Munsiff's Court was first held in a two storeyed building which could not be used when there were freshes in 1094. So it was removed to another building about half a mile away from the busy trading portion of the town and the Taluk and other Cutcherries. On account of the close touch the people should have with the Munsiff's Court, it was highly desirable to locate the court in a suitable place, preferably, in the Taluk Cutcherry compound where all other offices were being held. That would be convenient to the people also.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

90. Need for more public works in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Mathai Abraham (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) said that there existed a village road which joined, at the sixth mile, the road that started from the 130th mile of the main central road. It was of great use to a large population inhabiting several *karas* of the taluk. The people had cut 8 out of the 10 miles of the road. The Member's request was that the village road might be taken over by Government and maintained by the P. W. D. with the necessary culverts and bridges. He then explained the configuration of the taluk with special reference to the lay of the rivers and their usefulness to the people, if the river were harnessed. The suggestion of the Member was that the portion of the river between Piravam and Muvattupuzha (cusba) should be bounded by rounding off the curves and

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